

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3 are amended by the present response to address the objections thereto noted on page 2 of the Office Action.

The Title is amended by the present response as suggested on page 2 of the Office Action.

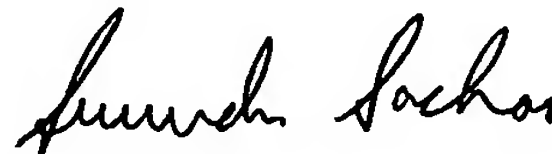
Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1-7 of U.S. patent 6,618,565.

Addressing the above-noted obviousness-type double patenting rejection, that rejection is obviated by the present response. More particularly, filed with the present response is a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. patent 6,618,565. The submission of the Terminal Disclaimer is believed to obviate the outstanding double patenting rejection.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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